

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, Johan Leroy (Doane) Robinson was born in Sparta, Wisconsin, in 1956, homesteaded in Minnesota as a young man, was admitted to the South Dakota Bar, and practiced law in Watertown, Dakota Territory; and,

**Whereas**, Doane won recognition as a poet and a speaker, became known as "the Dakota poet and humorist" and established a monthly South Dakota magazine devoted to history and literature. He also became the first secretary of the State Historical Society of South Dakota and superintendent of the South Dakota Department of History; and,

**Whereas**, Doane envisioned the grand idea of a carving of a unique monument in the Black Hills and promoted to the public the desirability of stimulating the economy with tourism, writing the sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, and offering the idea of the Black Hills as a unique opportunity for "heroic sculpture of unusual character; and,

**Whereas**, Doane turned to state and federal representatives to ask for support and funding legislation, and he built up and held the public interest through various concerns and criticisms and periods of discouragement; and,

**Whereas**, Doane empowered the work to be continued, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial stands today as a testament to an individual citizen working side-by-side with community members, civic leaders, and national figures to create a memorial to freedom and political democracy, representative of government and human rights; and,

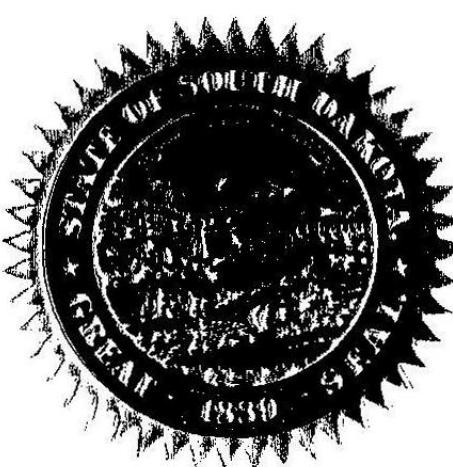
**Whereas**, Doane earned the love and respect of fellow South Dakotans while making an unparalleled contribution to the world's highest ideals:

**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2009, as

### ***DOANE ROBINSON DAY***

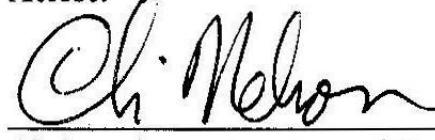
in South Dakota, in honor of the gathering of his esteemed family and proud descendants in the Black Hills of South Dakota for a reunion at Mount Rushmore National Memorial which stands as the fulfillment of Mr. Robinson's dream.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State